

Mergen

Mergen (Old Turkic: 𐰇𐰣𐰆𐰚, Kyrgyz: *мерген*, Turkish: *Mergen*, Mongolian: *Мэргэн* , Russian: *Мерген*, Azerbaijani : *Mergen*) is a Turkic deity of abundance and wisdom.

Mergen is often depicted with a bow and arrow in one hand. Other important symbols include a white horse and the color white. He is associated with profundity and depicted as a strong and powerful god. Mergen is the son of Kayra^{[1][2]} and the brother of Ulgan, and lives on the seventh floor of sky. He was portrayed as a young man with a helmet and a bow riding on a white horse. Mergen symbolizes intelligence and thought.

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Etymology

The word Mergen means archer or bowman in Turkic languages. In the Bashkir language the word *märgän* (мәргән) means marksman or sniper, while in Khalkha the cognate Mergen (мэргэн) means wise or genius.

See also

- Zasa Mergen Baatar

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